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MARGINAL COLUMN

THE name of the House of Rothschild has been written immortally into the folklore of the Jewish people, and it could be said that the popular folk tales of the "Rothschild's wealth. There was, for example, the story of the poor melamed, or Hebrew teacher, who always consoled himself for not being as rich as Rothschild by the boast that if he were he would be richer, for he could give Hebrew lessons in his spare time which Rothschild couldn't. This, by the way, was only true by accident, for Mayer Amschel, the true founder of the Rothschild banking house was descended by his father for the Rabbi-nate but preferred to enter the world of finance. History, however, is always more interesting and curious than legend, and that of the House of Rothschild is full of exciting episodes.

MOST pregnant with future significance, of course, was the secret financing by the British House of Rothschild's purchase of the Khedive's shares in the Suez Canal. This created Britain's interest in that waterway, and from that history could trace the successive stages which led up to the Balfour declaration addressed to Lord Rothschild, to the interest in having a strong, civilized and progressive community on the eastern side of the Suez and so the evolution of the whole web of circumstance which brought Israel ultimately into being. This was all indirect, of course, but one of the many finely woven and scattered strands of history which climax into decisive events. But the association of the Rothschild family with the emergence of Israel was much more direct. As the late James de Rothschild pointed out in his letter to Ben-Gurion, his father, Edmond de Rothschild, began colonization work in Palestine 75 years ago and through his munificence over 50 Jewish settlements have been founded, together with a number of other enterprises which have helped in the upbuilding of the country. Baron Edmond right-fully enters the title of the "Father of the Jewish Settlement" in the Land of Israel.

IN recent decades the fame and the glamour of the House of Rothschild may have suffered an eclipse with the general relative decline in importance of private banking. During that by certain circles, the legend was dimmed for a while, the posthumous letter of James de Rothschild published today restores the glory of the family for all time in the eyes of a new generation of the Jewish people. The Rothschilds are distinguished through their long and brilliant history by certain characteristics not too common among the possessors of wealth so great that it was to be influenced by the actions of nations. They were always inclined to use their power to prevent war, to stop persecution and to seek moral ends. When James de Rothschild wrote his letter to Prime Minister Ben-Gurion he did not know that his days were numbered — he died within a few days, and no one had prompted the idea which originated with him alone that he should build the home of Israel's legislature as the last link to the great PICA organization which was being wound up because its work — to use his own words — "had been fulfilled." What he did was characteristic way of writing the end to a great chapter in the history of the development of Israel; for the very fact that he was writing the letter was a wonderful beginning. The name of Rothschild will forever be associated with the palace in which the new laws of Israel will be debated and made.

AND it must be remembered that the Knesset is no ordinary legislature in an ordinary land. It has inherited the task of translating a spiritual and legal tradition nearly four thousand years old into the language of a modern people. The Law of Moses is the basis of the moral law of most civilized peoples and of the ethics by which they live. But its true line of development has been within the framework of centuries that Law and the people who lived by it, have had no real outlet in which to develop and grow. Now in Israel that outlet has been found and the halls in which the Law will come to full fruition again is the place which will be the spiritual shrine of the House of Rothschild. As James de Rothschild writes in his letter, which was his last public act and which brought to a formal end the existence of PICA which had administered the work of the family in Israel this was a "fulfillment and not a withdrawal."

AFTER MIDNIGHT
Indonesia last night announced she is to withdraw all her troops from the U.S. Emergency Force in Egypt, the latest move in her "deep regret" at her inability to provide replacements for her 500-man contingent.

Cairo Allows Toft Into Canal But Seizes Israeli

Nasser Urges Arab Unity To Fight Enemy on All Fronts

Egypt's policy will be dictated by three main considerations — national unity, non-alignment in the great power conflict, and Arab Nationalism, Colonel Abdul Nasser told the Egyptian National Assembly at its first meeting yesterday. He spoke for two hours.

Abdul Nasser explained that national unity "would secure our country from within," non-alignment would safeguard Egypt "from within and from without," and Arab Nationalism would guarantee "the opening of several war fronts against the aggressor who attacks any of these Arab countries. Arab Nationalism is the most effective weapon for the defence of our country," he added.

The lesson we learned while experiencing the aggression against Egypt has confirmed this necessity and supported its effectiveness.

"The blowing up of the oil pipe in the eastern side of the Suez Canal," he said, "is a military operation. The concentration of Syrian forces on her borders with Israel too was a military operation."

The Egyptian President made only a vague reference to the question of federal union with Syria. He said that Syria, having expressed the wish to effect such union with Egypt, "we cannot but reciprocate."

Nasser enumerated six "battles" in what he called the struggle for independence and for the consolidation of independence (the battles of the Suez Canal, the battles of the Suez Canal, the battles of the Suez Canal, the battles of the Suez Canal, the battles of the Suez Canal, the battles of the Suez Canal).

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Bourguiba Taking Reins from Bey

TUNIS, Monday (Reuters). — The Political Bureau of the Neo-Destour Nationalist Party, meeting here today was expected to decide to depose the Bey of Tunis, Sidi Mohammed Lamine Bey, and to install Habib Bourguiba, the present Prime Minister.

The meeting coincides with the recall from their ambassadorial posts in London, Washington and Paris of Messrs. Taleb Selim, Mongi Selim and Mohammed Mahmoud, who are regarded as Mr. Bourguiba's top lieutenants and were expected to play a big part in the discussion.

The Bey's Royal Palace at Carthage has been reported under close surveillance since the arrest on Saturday of his youngest son, Prince Salah ed-Din, accused of trying to run down in his car the police inspector in charge of the palace guard.

B and K to Visit East Germany

BERLIN, Monday (Reuters). — Soviet Communist Party Secretary Nikita Khrushchev and Premier Nikolai Bulganin will visit East Germany in August, the East German News Agency reported today.

In Moscow, Soviet and East German negotiators are working on questions and on the reputation of Germans still held in Russia.

Ministry Accountant Held As Embezzler

The Jerusalem police last night said they had arrested the Chief Accountant of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Mr. N. Zeidmann, on suspicion of embezzling IL3,000.

The arrest was made following a complaint submitted by the Civil Service Commission.

Newsman-Sailor Taken by Army

SUEZ, Monday (Reuters). — The Haifa-bound Danish cargo vessel Birgitte Toft will be allowed to pass through the Suez Canal tomorrow, but an Israeli seaman aboard has been arrested and will be handed over to the Egyptian military authorities, it was announced here tonight.

Earlier, armed Egyptian sailors and customs officials boarded the ship while a decision on whether she would be allowed to transit the Canal was referred to the authorities in Cairo.

The Israeli Rafi Eylon, who is understood to be acting as correspondent for an Israeli newspaper, was confined to a cabin guarded by Egyptian police. He was released after the ship's arrival in Suez today.

Eylon, who lives in Haifa, is also known as Raphael Nelson.

The Birgitte Toft is under Israeli charter and is at present on a voyage from Haifa to Suez with a cargo of rice and copra. When she arrived at Suez, her master said the ship's papers were burned in a fire on board at the end of last month while she was in Haifa.

It was reported that the Birgitte Toft's agents have already said Canal tolls in sterling in preparation for her transit through the waterway.

Britain Gives Local Officers Right to Intervene in Oman

LONDON, Monday (Reuters). — Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd said today that small-scale precautionary movements of British forces had already taken place because of the rising in central Oman. He told the House of Commons that, as far as he was aware, there were no British troops on Muscat soil.

Mr. Lloyd said "The disidents have clearly received assistance from outside territories. It is, therefore, in the view of the Government, right that we should respond to the Sultan's request for help."

He added that local British authorities had been given discretion, within certain limits, to take such action as they saw fit.

Answering questions, the Foreign Secretary said there was no knowledge that the arms used by the disidents were of American origin. "We know there are modern arms from territories outside Muscat," he added.

He retorted "certainly not" if he would give an assurance that British troops, aircraft and ships would not be engaged until the House of Commons had been told in advance.

Mr. Lloyd said he would make another statement tomorrow and then left the House.

U.S. 'Trying To Still Tempers'

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuters). — The State Department spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, said today that the U.S. takes a "very dim view" of anything that tended to arouse tensions in the Arabian Peninsula, and does what it can informally to keep tempers quiet.

Asked whether the U.S. was aware of the statement by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Lloyd, in the House of Commons today, White said: "That he had no knowledge that the arms used by the disidents were of American origin, Mr. White said."

Outside, of those arms which we have sold to the Saudi Arabians, I do not know of any American arms being used in the fighting for which those arms are sold (to Saudi Arabia) are clearly defined."

He added that the Buraimi Oasis dispute was linked with the present disturbance. The Buraimi dispute is one of long standing. The U.S. is a staunch friend of both the U.K. and Saudi Arabia. We have not done anything formal in offering our good offices."

A British spokesman said that the dispute between the British and Saudi Arabia, and the State Department over the situation in central Oman at all levels.

The semi-official Egyptian newspaper "Al Gomhouriya" said Abdel Khamel Hassouna, Secretary-General of the Arab League, was making contacts with member-states "to enlist their support in the struggle against the Israeli imperialists."

From Bahrain, it was reported that the forces of the Imam of Muscat, flying a red flag, and those of the rebel Imam of Oman, under a white banner, are at present holding the Salwa area. Details of the military aid he has requested from Bahrain while the Imam's followers are holding their fire in the Salwa area of Jabel Akhdar west of Muscat.

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Mr. Moller said that, judging from press reports of the Mafap Central Committee's deliberations last night, the situation appeared "encouraging." The management felt that Mafap leaders had now realized the character of the Haifa Labour Council's and Ata works committee's activities.

"We are now waiting for the other side to accept the Premier's proposal. Following the Central Committee's resolution, we have no doubt that they will," he said.

Meanwhile, "the other side" imposed a total black-out on its activities today.

The Minister of Labour, Mr. M. Namir, and Mafap Secretary, Dr. G. Josephthal, arrived at noon for discussions with the local Mafap leadership. It was understood that they impressed on the latter the seriousness of the situation in the light of the Central Committee's stand.

Haifa Mafap representatives are led by Mayor Ab-

BULLETIN

UNITED NATIONS, Monday (Reuters). — Egypt today deposited with the U.N. her acceptance of the compulsory jurisdiction of the World Court in legal disputes over her operation of the nationalized Suez Canal.

Moscow Voices Threat to Israel

LONDON, Monday. — Moscow Radio accused Israel last night of "provocative acts of aggression" on the Syrian frontier and warned her leaders that they were capable of making them abandon the policy of intimidation.

The radio, in an Arabic-language broadcast, said this policy was threatening peace and security in the Middle East. It added that "the provocative acts of aggression which were carried out a few days ago by the Israeli armed forces on the Syrian frontier came as irrefutable proof" that "Israel aggressive quarters in Cairo intend to use the lesson from the defeat of the ignominious aggression which Israel, together with the British and French imperialists, launched against Egypt."

The broadcast quoted a recent statement by Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan that Israel's policy of retaliation had justified itself. It also recalled Mr. Ben-Gurion's statement that the Sinai campaign did not guarantee Israel's security.

Such a statement clearly indicates that Israel intends to follow in the future a policy of aggression based on adventure, the radio said. It added: "Israel ruling quarters should not forget that there are powers which are capable of making them abandon the policy of intimidation threatening peace and security in the Middle and Near East."

(U.P. Reuters)

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BEN-ZVI TOURS NORTH GALILEE

SAFAD, Monday. — The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi, accompanied by the President's Aide, Sgan-Aluf Y. Carmel, visited Kfar Giladi, the Gonen area and Safad yesterday and today. (Gonen was the scene of Syrian attacks a fortnight ago.)

In Safad the party was received by Mayor A. Hachohen, Town Councillors and the Chief Rabbis of Safad and Galilee.

Although this was a surprise visit, hundreds of residents, holiday makers and children from summer camps turned out to greet the visitors with cheers and flowers. Mayor Hachohen recalled the President's special interest in the city. The President's long standing acquaintance with the town, starting with his pilgrimage by foot, many years ago.

The guests dined with the Mayor and senior police officers.

(Itim)

Syria Lifts Martial Law Except on Israel Border

Martial law has been lifted from all parts of Syria except the Tiberias, Khatira and Zawiya. Damascus Radio reported last night. The decision was taken by the Syrian Cabinet at its meeting yesterday morning.

The two districts in which martial law will remain in force are situated on the Israel border.

Martial law was imposed in Syria early in November when military operations began in Egypt. It was lifted last May in four districts where by-elections were held.

Symbol of State's Permanence

Six million pounds have been made available by the Rothschild family for the erection of the new Knesset building in Haifa. This was announced by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion to a hushed Knesset last night, after the agenda had been altered to provide for the special announcement. The gift was designated by the late James de Rothschild to mark the winding-up of the activity of PICA in this country.

News of the munificent contribution was conveyed in a letter to the Prime Minister from Mrs. Dorothy de Rothschild, widow of James de Rothschild, who died last May. Full text on page 3.

She wrote that her husband had in his last years given much thought to the work of PICA and, before he died, had made clear his plans with relation to that body which had carried on in Israel the colonization work started by his father, Edmond de Rothschild, 75 years ago. She quoted the text of a letter her husband had written to the Prime Minister toward the end of April, which had remained unsigned.

Now that the colonization tasks of PICA had been fulfilled, James de Rothschild wrote, the body would be wound up and its holdings handed over to the National Institutions.

"We intend," he said, "to provide the sum of IL6m. for the construction of the new Knesset building in Jerusalem. Let the new Knesset become a symbol, in the eyes of all men of the permanence of the State of Israel."

In her covering letter, Mrs. de Rothschild added: "I need hardly say that the contribution of IL6m. for the new Knesset building will be provided."

B-G 'UNAWARE' OF PLANS FOR U.S. VISIT

The Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, told The Jerusalem Post last night that he had no knowledge of any plans for him to visit the U.S. in the next few months.

He was commenting on a report by New York Herald Tribune columnist, Hy Gardner, who yesterday quoted rumours circulating at U.N. headquarters in New York suggesting that Mr. Ben-Gurion is to visit the White House in October.

22 FRENCH M.P.'S COMING FOR 10 DAYS

M. Jacques Soustelle is to head a delegation of 22 members, including many members of the French Parliament, that is to arrive on August 5 for a ten-day visit as guests of the Government.

Jordan Honours U.N. Observer

A former U.N. Observer, Captain Cummings, an American, has been awarded a Jordan decoration on the completion of his service with the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, according to "Al-Difa'a" the Old City daily.

The decoration was said to have been awarded for his first-rate service "to the Arab cause in general and the Jordan cause in particular."

The presentation will be made at an official ceremony at the Jordan Embassy in Washington.

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ARRIVALS

Mr. J. M. Masser, a Deputy Chairman of the Hebrew University's Board of Governors, and Mrs. Masser.

DEPARTURES

Alut Yosef Avidar, Israeli Ambassador to the U.S.S.R., and Mrs. Avidar for Moscow after home leave (by Cyprus Airways).

Dr. A. L. Gaton, of the Bank of Israel, for Germany, for the Ministry of Finance and the Bank of Israel.

THIRTY-TWO BOYS

and girls, children of recent immigrants, have been accepted into the Wizo Children's and Youth Village "Hadasim," which is supported by the Wizo in Canada. In the fall they will join the regular student body in a special class.

THE CASE OF Yitzhak Mizrahi, 24, accused of three robberies at the Rehavia Cafe in Jerusalem, was yesterday committed to the District Court by the Examining Magistrate M. Halmovitz. Bail was refused in view of the criminal past of the accused.

A NEW TOURIST information office has been opened in Haifa on the top floor of Beit Hakranot Building. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays.

WIZO IS ARRANGING organized tours of the House and Garden Exhibition at Rishon LeZion for new immigrant households. To show them how to manage their households on a limited budget.

Kaplan Efficiency Prizes Awarded in Beersheba

The annual Kaplan prizes for outstanding efficiency in methods of work and increased productivity were presented at a ceremony held at HIAS House in Beersheba last night, in the presence of Mrs. Deborah Kaplan, widow of the late Minister.

Also present were Mr. Y. Eilam, the Director-General of the Ministry of Labour; Mr. Aharon Becker, the General Secretary of the Histadrut; Mr. J. Holzman, representing the Manufacturers Association; Mr. P. Hadas, Chairman of the Productivity Institute; and Mr. D. Tuvyahu, Mayor of Beersheba.

The recipients of the prizes, who received IL400 each, were as follows:

The Ministry of Health laboratory staff, Jerusalem, for producing the full amount of Salk vaccine required for the vaccination programme.

Shimon Ron, a technician working in Tzahal, for his method of inspection of the Jordan-Negev water pipeline which reached an international level.

Moshe Greenberg, a worker in Tzahal (military industry) for introducing several original methods into his work and making tools and devices for more efficient production and saving thousands of working hours.

Moshe Hillel, of "Henet" factory, for reaching output in steel construction at the

Zionists Opposing Ties with Germany

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A heated debate on the question of Israel's establishing diplomatic relations with Germany is expected in the Zionist General Council, when the plenary sessions are resumed in Jerusalem today.

The debate will be based on a draft resolution by the Political Committee, which flatly opposes the establishment of such relations. A minority draft resolution of the same committee opposes discussion of the problem by the Council before it is debated in the Knesset.

Other draft resolutions of the committee call on the Soviet Union to open its gates to Jewish emigration, and on the Rumanian Government to allow its Jewish citizens to join their families in Israel.

Last night the six Council members were putting the final touches to draft resolutions to be presented to the Council today.

With the discussion and adoption of resolutions, the 12-day Council conference is expected to end in Jerusalem tonight.

6 Hurt in Road Crash in South

Three soldiers were severely injured and three suffered light injuries when a military vehicle overturned at kilometre 18 on the Masanyah-Kasrin road yesterday. The accident occurred when the vehicle was speeding to overtake a car and hit a tender coming in the opposite direction.

The injured were taken to the Beersheba Hadasim Hospital.

It was also reported that two brothers, Oded and Eliahu Glor, 22, of Nahlat Yehuda, were seriously injured when the jeep in which they were travelling overturned on the Rishon LeZion road on Sunday night. They were taken to the Asaf Harofeh Hospital in Safed.

Meanwhile it has been established that 23 people (not 15 as previously reported) were injured when a military truck overturned at kilometre 11 on the Merhavia road on Friday.

Mrs. ROTHSCHILD'S LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER

Following is the text of the letter from Mrs. James de Rothschild to Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion:

My dear Prime Minister, I have often read and re-read the noble and generous words of your cable of condolence. They give me so much comfort in my sorrow.

Now I must turn from my grief and apply myself to the affairs of the P.I.C.A. My husband had, over the last few years, given much thought to the work of P.I.C.A. and its future. He had carefully considered every aspect of the problem and, shortly before his death, prepared a letter to you in which he set out his conclusions. The letter read as follows:

My dear Prime Minister, My father began his colonization work in Israel 25 years ago. The work which was begun has been continued to this day. When in 1934 my father set up the Palestine Jewish Colonization Association, P.I.C.A., it was to be the task of colonizing all his land holdings. It fell to me to provide over P.I.C.A. the last of his wishes.

In the years that followed, the marches were drained; the roads built and the water turned into fertile soil. All these things were done by P.I.C.A. and the people, supported by my dear Jewry.

With this letter I want to tell you of my decision. I do not intend, with this letter, to take leave of you or of Israel. My interest in the development of the State is unending. Even if P.I.C.A. must cease to operate, I shall remain as close to the State as I can. Your care will be my care and your happiness will be my happiness.

Indeed, I shall want to examine whether I shall be able to make some modest contribution to the advancement of science, art and culture in Israel — all matters which, however, are near to your heart. However these are but thoughts for the future. I shall remain as close to the State as I can.

The foundations of the State have been laid and truly laid by the grace of the Almighty, the new chapter in the history of our people is being written. The creation of the State, will be glorious and enduring.

Alas, with this letter, my husband took leave of you and of Israel and it has now fallen to me and the Council to execute what he had resolved.

I need hardly say that the contribution of P.I.C.A. to the new Knesset building will be provided. Let me add that this was a project to which my husband attached special significance.

For myself, I shall readily examine what contribution it will be possible to make in the fields of science, art and culture which are mentioned in the letter. I cannot say at the moment what will be feasible but I shall ensure that everything that can be done will be done.

Before concluding let me add that my husband's thoughts and feelings were of the greatest affection and respect. In all his work for Israel, he was greatly inspired by the exertions of the whole people of Israel.

Ghana Leader Wants Israel 'Know-How'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — "Israel has given me more in eight days than I could obtain from two years in a British university," Mr. John Tetagah, Secretary General of the Ghana Trades Union Congress, told a Histadrut Executive farewell reception here today.

He told Labour leaders that of all the countries he had visited, Israel had taught him the most. In Israel he had seen the realization of the "dignity of labour."

Mr. Tetagah came to this country as a fast friend, as was shown at the recent Congress of the ICFTU in Tunis, when he was elected to its Standing Committee. He blocked anti-Israel resolutions.

"I feel so much at home here," he told the Jewish workers, "that I would like to take an option on Israel nationality."

The speaker touched on several of Ghana's more pressing problems. Its central problem, he considers, is the rapid development of its unlimited economic possibilities in order to raise its present low standard of living. Considering Ghana's acute shortage of technicians of all sorts, he feels that Israel could perhaps best help Ghana by offering her "know-how."

The African labour leader, although only 27 years old, has achieved a unique position not only in Ghana, but also in the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. He started his public career at the age of 26 as assistant secretary of the local branch of the White Collar Workers Union. As a member of the seven-man executive of Premier Nkrumah's People's Convention Party, he took an active part in the upbuilding of the new nation.

Tiberias Coalition Breaks on Water

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS, Monday. — The Labour coalition on the Town Council broke up last night when Mapam and Abduh Ha'avoda councillors voted against the Town Management's proposal to hike water rates in the city by 30 per cent. The Mapai, Agudat Yisrael and General Zionist councillors supported the rise, while the Hapoel Hamizrachi representative abstained.

After the vote a Mapai representative announced that because the coalition partners had violated the collective responsibility agreement, the vote meant a break up of the coalition. Mayor M. Sahar stated that he favoured new elections if the Minister of the Interior would approve them.

The coalition, which was established after the last elections, two years ago, consisted of five representatives of Mapai, two of Mapam and one of Abduh Ha'avoda. Mr. Y. Resnais, of Mapam, was acting deputy mayor. The opposition consisted of two Herut and one General Zionist councillors and two Religious councillors who started off in the coalition but left it over a Sabbath observation issue some time ago.

Mayor Sahar proposed the rise in order to reduce the water works' IL40,000 deficit. The proposal was carried by seven votes to five.

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regrets to announce that there are no vacancies left, and hopes to be able to extend its facilities to accommodate additional numbers of children by next term.

Purchase Tax Bill Includes Foods

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Many products now exempt from purchase tax will become subject to the tax under an Amendment to the Purchase Tax Law which passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday.

The Bill was opposed by Herut and the Communists. The Minister of Finance is authorized to levy a purchase tax on the following products, with the Knesset having the right to void such tax within two months of its imposition: food products, although there was no reason why purchase tax should not be paid on something like caviar.

Another change in the bill is that it authorizes the collection of the tax in two or more stages in the passage of a product from manufacturer to consumer. At present, the tax is collected either from the manufacturer or the wholesaler. Mr. Eshkol said this change had been inserted at the request of business circles, since payment of the whole tax at one stage had sometimes represented a hardship.

Tax on Equipment
The bill also authorizes imposition of the tax on various types of equipment which go into the construction of buildings, built-in cupboards, and central heating systems, which have hitherto been considered a product from manufacturer to consumer and therefore not subject to purchase tax.

Mr. Eshkol said that the purchase tax was one of the country's most important direct taxes, accounting for IL41m. in the last fiscal year. The general tone of the debate was one of mild opposition to broadening the products subject to the tax, while speakers of the Left attacked indirect taxes in general.

Mr. M. Eshkol (Ha'avoda), for example, called for the restoration of the purchase tax to one on luxuries alone.

Mr. H. Rubin (Mapam) ridiculed the provision which "authorizes" the Knesset to void a tax order within two months, before Judge N. Barzani, President of the District Court, yesterday. He added that whilst two other unidentifiable conspirators were being interrogated and wanted shortly to be brought up for trial, the release of Mr. Herut would seriously hamper the continuing interrogation of other members of the underground by the police.

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PORAT OPPOSES HERUTI BAIL

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Brazil Wins Davis Cup Match; to Play Israel

MONTREAL, Monday. — Brazil qualified to meet Israel in the semi-finals of the American Zone Davis Cup for the right to challenge the United States in the zone final. Israel are playing in the North American Zone this year. Brazil defeated Canada in the first round here yesterday, 3-2, 6-3, 6-3, 10-8, to give Brazil a winning 3-1 lead.

The final singles was won by Paul Willey, who beat Brazilian reserve Jose Aguiar, 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 8-6. The tie ended 3-2 in Brazil's favour.

Meanwhile, in Milan, Italy reached the final of the European Zone of the Davis Cup when they beat Sweden 3-1 in the semi-finals. Nicola Pietrangeli won the first of the two remaining singles, 7-5, 6-6, 6-2, against Alf Schmidt to assure Italy of success. Italy will now meet the winner of the Britain-Belgium tie being held in Brussels.

Grilled on Cup of Tea

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Mrs. Rivka Shalom, chief witness in the case brought against her husband, Dr. Shalom Shalom, was today cross-examined in the Magistrate's Court. Before a packed courtroom, she declared that on the night of July 6, she had been out until late with friends.

At 20 a.m. they left the Chamber Theatre and after seeing home a foreign diplomat, who lived in Herzliya, one of the group, a police officer, had accompanied her to her home. She had known the officer eight months and had met him several times.

She entered her home and put the kettle on for tea. Ten minutes later the door bell rang. Since she was not wearing any clothes she put on her husband's robe and then asked who was ringing. On hearing that it was the police officer, she asked him what he wanted and learned that he had forgotten his revolver in her flat.

As she was already making tea, she invited the officer to join her.

"How many glasses of tea did you and the officer drink?" Mr. B. Tomkevitz, defending counsel for the three men, asked Mrs. Shalom. The witness replied that she did not remember. Asked what the officer was wearing, she said "a civilian suit."

How do you explain that the officer was found in his underclothes?" the lawyer asked.

Mrs. Shalom declared that she had been unwell in the night and had returned to her home after a long sleep. She had been wearing a nightgown and had been looking for such things as her husband was looking for such things.

Mrs. Shalom repeated the previous testimony that the men had torn off her robe and photographed her six

Only One Defendant Yet To Testify in Kfar Kasim Case

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Eight of the Kfar Kasim accused completed their defence yesterday before the Military Tribunal trying on October 29.

Only one more accused, Constable Daniel Ben-Zvi, has yet to testify. He is expected to finish his defence today.

If the Court does not call its own witnesses, the hearings will probably recess today for several weeks to allow both sides time to read the voluminous testimony and prepare their summations.

The first six defendants yesterday read statements from the accused's bench, while the last two, both Circassians, took the witness stand.

Lance Corporal Shalom Ofer, and the two men of his section, Constables Mahfuf Harosh and Eliahu Avraham, gave identical evidence on the part played by Segen Gavriel Dehan, the No. 2 accused.

He had not only given them a "shoot dead" order, but had also implemented it before their very eyes, shooting three villagers, they said.

(Offer and his two men are believed to have shot most of the 47 persons who died that day.)

Offer further stated that he did not see Dehan escort a truck load of villagers to their homes after he had shot the three villagers. His two men did not mention it if they saw it or not.

Most of Ofer's statement concerned his military indoctrination in the Border Force. He said: "They always made me feel that the Arabs were our enemies. They always explained to us that the Arabs were the enemies of the State and a fifth column, and that it was the policy of the Government to drive the Arabs from their villages."

"I never intended to kill anyone. I did not know I would meet villagers on that day. I would return to the village."

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